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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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Re: Docket #98N-1038 - Irradiation in the Production, Processing
and Handling of Food

Dear Sir/Madam:

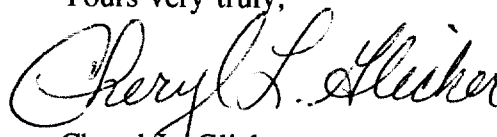
I would like to tell you that I feel the wording of the current radiation disclosure statement should **NOT** be revised. I also feel very strongly that requirements for labeling relative to irradiation should **NOT** expire at a specified date in the future, nor indeed, at any time in the future.

I would like to submit a formal demand that all irradiated foods be required to show prominent labeling. The terms "irradiation" or "irradiated" should be displayed, and the use of the radura symbol should also be required. I am definitely opposed to proposed alternative terms, such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" as I feel they are misleading and should not be used.

The absence of any statement whatsoever would also be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities which are neither obvious nor expected by consumers.

You have in your hands the responsibility for the health and welfare of our nation's children. Please be guided by that knowledge.

Yours very truly,


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